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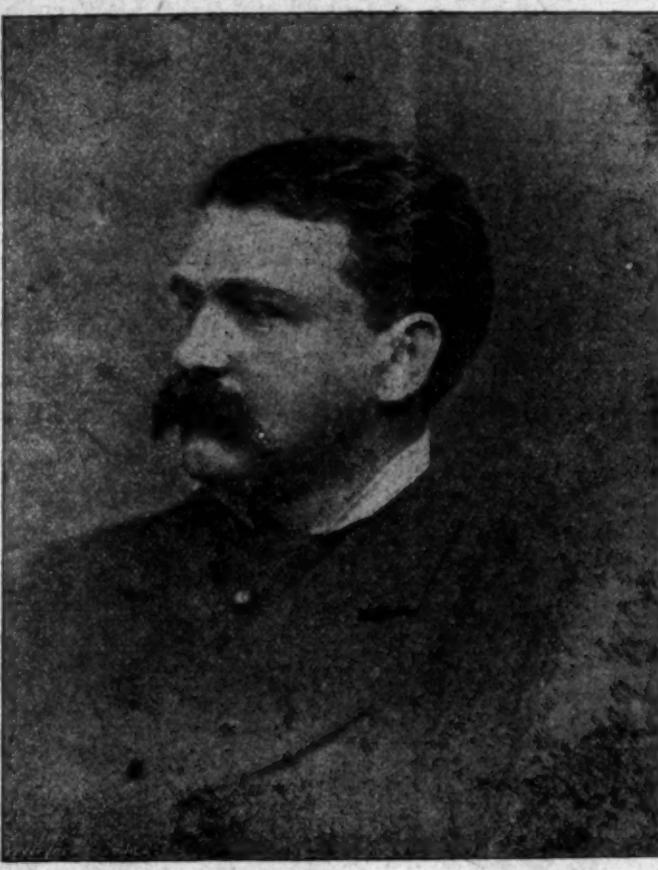
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COL. L. W. SAUNDERS.

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Among the many thoroughbred republicans in this city no man stands higher in the estimation of the people than Col. L. M. Saunders. He is a representative man of honor and character. If the people had it in their power no man would receive their suffrage quicker than he.

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T H

"Where are we at."

In the soup.

It is boiling and very hot.

The more you abuse an Afro-American, the better he likes you.

You are more kind to your enemies than you are to your friends.

Some people imagine that they can discuss the financial question.

This is a money campaign in which Afro-Americans do not figure.

Moneyed men only are wanted in this campaign.

Some men would rather have newspaper notoriety than money.

Mr. Langston may style Mr. Bryan a National tramp, but, from all appearance he is a repected one.

This is not a campaign of abuse but solid argument.

For this and other reasons Afro-Americans are not in it.

When the battle is over, you may then count the dead and wounded.

Several have made their apologies and asked forgiveness.

Senator Sherman made a great speech at Columbus.

He is the right man in the right place.

Brave men will protect their families.

A coward is often found in the ranks of the brave.

A colored judge will fill one of the benches in our court.

There are slow men as well as women.

A positive man or woman is a jewel.

A good journal is hard to find sometimes.

Some men think marriage is a failure.

Some women are of the same opinion.

A good woman is a positive character.

When you find them they are entitled to respect.

Women ought to be allowed to make laws for the men. Existing evils would be somewhat different.

The advice of a good woman will often keep men out of trouble.

Some men think women have no rights that they are bound to respect.

They think otherwise when they enter into a systematic courtship.

The happiest days a young woman enjoys are the days of her courtship.

Carriage rides are less frequent after marriage.

You can command respect by letting a man know his place.

Too much familiarity breeds contempt.

Never tell all you know at any time.

Some people will say that they know you, especially among your friends in your absence.

A man who spends his money lavishly among friends does it to make an impression.

A sensible woman will not tolerate his company.

He spends more before his marriage and starve you to death thereafter.

A conceited man or woman is wise in his or her own estimation.

A bombast will endeavor to impress you that he is wise.

A still tongue often makes a good impression among the learned.

Don't imagine that you know it all.

You will show your weakness soon enough.

Flattery sometimes impresses a bombast that he has knowledge.

The weakness of some people is often portrayed in their talk.

If you are silent you can find out just how much they know.

A vacillating person has no stability.

Your welfare is dangerous in their hands.

Your enemies you know, your friends you must watch.

Your enemies often remain away from you, your friends get near you.

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THE COLORED GUARDS CALL
ON MAJOR MCKINLEY.

WHAT HE SAID.

CANTON, OHIO, Aug. 18, 1896.—The L'Outre Rifles; a handsomely uni-
formed, well-drilled military company,
composed of colored men, came on a
special train from Cleveland, with a
large number of their friends to call on
Major McKinley early this afternoon.

They marched behind their own band
from the station to the McKinley resi-
dence and were freely cheered by the
spectators on the sidewalks and com-
plimented upon their handsome ap-
pearance. H. C. Smith, a colored
member of the Ohio legislature, ad-
dressed Major McKinley on behalf of
the visitors and presented him with a
certificate of honorary membership in
the Rifles, the first one ever issued.

Mr. Smith is a speaker of force and
eloquence and his pertinent vigorous
remarks called from Major McKinley a
spurred response, which was moment-
arily punctured with lusty cheers and
long continued applause.

It was one of the most enthusiastic
meetings that has been witnessed in
Canton. Major McKinley was in ex-
cellent form. Replying to Mr. Smith and
acknowledging the compliment of
honorary membership in the L'Outre
Rifles, he said:

Mr. Smith and My Fellow Citizens:
It gives me extreme pleasure to meet
and greet this company of rifles and
my colored fellow citizens from the
city of Cleveland and of Northern
Ohio, and I rejoice to learn from your
eloquent spokesman that your race
this year, as in all years past, stands
faithfully to our Republican cause,
which I believe is the cause of our
country. (Applause.) I do not forget
—no man can forget—that whether in
war or in peace, the race which you
represent never turned its back on the
glorious old Stars and Stripes. (Great
applause and cries of "Hurrah for
McKinley".)

EQUALITY OF POWER.

When that great civil war com-
menced, no man could tell what its
outcome would be in regard to its
effect upon your race. There were
those who believed that it must result
in the abolition of human slavery.
There were those who believed other-
wise. The result was the immortal
proclamation of emancipation by the
best friend you ever had—Abraham
Lincoln (tremendous cheering), whose
name you will cherish and rever-
vere and evermore. James G. Blaine
once said that the first instinct of an
American was equality—equality of
right, equality of privilege, equality of
political power.

That sentiment long ago found ex-
pression in the Constitution of the
United States, and the people of this
country placed in that great instru-
ment where it had never been before
and where under God it shall ever
remain, civil and political equality to
every citizen everywhere beneath the
flag. (Applause.)

I congratulate you, gentlemen, upon
the splendid progress that your race
has made since emancipation. You
have done better, you have advanced
more rapidly than it was believed pos-
sible at the time; you have improved
greatly the educational advantages
which you have had. Your people
everywhere North and South are accu-
mulating property and today you stand
as among the most conservative of the
citizens of this great Republic. (Ap-
plause.) I congratulate you from the
bottom of my heart on the advan-
tage you have already made and I
sincerely wish for you and your race,
fellow citizens of a common country,
the highest realization of your hopes
and your prayers. (Great cheering.)

Major McKinley's speech to the
L'Outre Rifles of Cleveland was
full of fine oratory and hopes.

Major McKinley spoke of their
prayers. That is what the trouble
is now. The negro has been pray-
ing too much.

Again, Major McKinley said that
he hoped they would realize what
they hoped for. That is just what
THE BEE wants to know if the
Major is elected if the Afro-American
will realize what he is hoping for
to-day? There is the rub. Major
McKinley did not say in his
Canton speech that our hopes would
be realized in the event of his election.

Neither has Mr. Bryan held out
any inducement to the Afro-American
who are showing themselves
to be fools by organizing Demo-
cratic Silver clubs.

Will the Afro-Americans ever
learn the art of reasoning?

The L'Outre Rifles will return
and tell their comrades that Major
McKinley said great things to them,
when the fact is he has com-
mitted himself on nothing except
the money question.

We all know what Abraham
Lincoln has done and we also know
what the black soldiers have done
on land and sea, and we all know
what the Republican party has not
done and ought to do, and we all
know what the Democratic party has
done to the colored man and is still doing.

Major McKinley is a great states-
man; an honest man and a patri-
otic citizen, but it is time for the
Afro-American to know where he
stands.

MCKINLEY AND BRYAN.

Their Replies to Editor Chase's Letters.

WHERE DO AFRO-AMERICANS STAND IN THE GREAT NA- TIONAL CONTEST?

POINTED QUESTIONS PUT TO BOTH NOMINEES

AND THEY ARE EVASIVELY ANSWERED.

TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW.

On the 17th of last July of the
present year I sent registered letters
to the two presidential candidates,
Hon. Wm. McKinley Jr., of
Canton, Ohio, Republican; and
Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, of Lincoln,
Nebraska, Democratic or Silver
nominee respectively; requesting
them to inform me in the event of
one or the others election, to the
high office of Chief Magistrate of
the American Republic, what con-
sideration, if any, the Afro-American
would receive.

LETTER TO MAJOR MCKINLEY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17, 1896.

HON. WILLIAM MCKINLEY, JR.,

CANTON, OHIO.

Dear Sir:—Permit me, first to con-
gratulate you on your good fortune, of
being nominated at St. Louis, Mo., as
the nominee of the great republican
party of America. Your victory over
the combined forces of American politi-
cians, was, indeed, wonderful and unpar-
alleled in the history of repub-
lican conventions.

Your nomination was an evidence of
your popularity in the republican party
and the faith and confidence the people
and their representatives have in you.

The platform upon which you will
lead the party to victory or defeat, is
broad and liberal. While the tariff oc-
cupies a prominent place in the plat-
form, it is evident that the money
question seems to be the great issue
between the two great political parties
and upon this question the American
people seem to be divided. There is
a certain class of your fellow-citizens
which the personal liberty, the politi-
cal and legal rights of a people are in-
volved. While your platform declared
against lynch law, we have yet to see
an executive of any party enforce the
amendments to our constitution which
guarantees equal rights to all classes
of citizens irrespective of color or
condition.

If the constitution of these United
States can be construed, to the extent
to protect certain citizens abroad, and
in States, why can not it be enforced
to protect certain other citizens in
their domestic tranquillity?

The question of universal liberty, is
entirely eliminated from your platform
so far as American citizens are con-
cerned, and gold and silver are substi-
tuted and are made the predominating
features and the issues in the present
political campaign.

Should the party succeed in electing
you or the American people decide
that you are the choice for president of
the United States, what will Afro-
Americans play in the counsels of your
administration or what considera-
tion will they receive?

Don't think that I mean to be at all
presumptuous or doubt the sincerity of
the party whose principles have been
equality to all, since its organization,
and friendly disposed towards Afro-
Americans, but as an American citizen,
born a freeman, I exercise the
rights of a freeman, and sincerely hope
that the dignity of your position will
not preclude a reply to him whose love
for race amelioration and progress is
above party affiliation.

With assurance of profound respect,
I remain, Yours sincerely,

W. CALVIN CHASE,
Editor of THE WASHINGTON BEE.

or more commonly called Negroes.
This class of our fellow-citizens have
been oppressed by the democratic
party and in that party they have not
been welcomed, except the innovation
made by President Cleveland, who
must be given credit for the courage
of his conviction and the interest he
has taken in certain representative Af-
ro-Americans in this country. In the
democratic or free silver platform
nothing is said in behalf of Afro-American-
ans, nor did your party deem them of
sufficient importance to elect one
a delegate to your convention.

There exists in certain sections of
this country a law, not upon the statute
books, but an unwritten law known as
"lynch law." This law is particularly
applied to Afro-Americans, who are
suspected of crime and lynched with-
out judge or jury, in violation of our
constitution and contrary to the laws
of the States in which these offenses
are committed. It is to be deplored
that the democratic convention didn't
see fit to give utterance to any expres-
sion of opinion on this subject.

Mr. Cleveland, & Mr. Bryan, is the
only democratic president, since the
war, who has had the courage to rec-
ognize superior ability and merit in
Afro-Americans, although this recogni-
tion has been very limited. I take
this opportunity of asking you if con-
sistent with the declaration of your
party platform and principles, to state
what place Afro-Americans will occu-
py in the councils of your party and
administration, should the American
people decide to elect you?

Awaiting an early reply, I subscribe myself,

Yours sincerely,

W. CALVIN CHASE,
Editor of THE WASHINGTON BEE.

REPLY.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

LINCOLN, NEB., Aug. 7, '96.

W. CALVIN CHASE, Esq.,
THE BEE Publishing Co.,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter received. I note
your suggestion. Owing to the
numerous inquiries daily received
I find it impossible to discuss public
questions in private letters. I refer
you to my public utterances.

Yours very truly,

W. J. BRYAN.

Whereas, both platforms seem
to consider principally, the great
money question that has taken a
hold on the minds of the American
people; thus subordinating every
principle that is most important
and beneficial to a people who, by
virtue, of their condition in the
great body politic or the affairs of
government, is entirely ignored.

Necessity compels me, therefore, to
ascertain where we stand.

The questions that are more im-
portant to Afro-Americans are,
human liberty, human rights,
equality before the law and that
protection that is guaranteed by
the Constitution, a free ballot, an
honest count and an equitable distri-
bution, according to merit, of
official patronage, considering
at the same time the numerical
strength of Afro-Americans, in this
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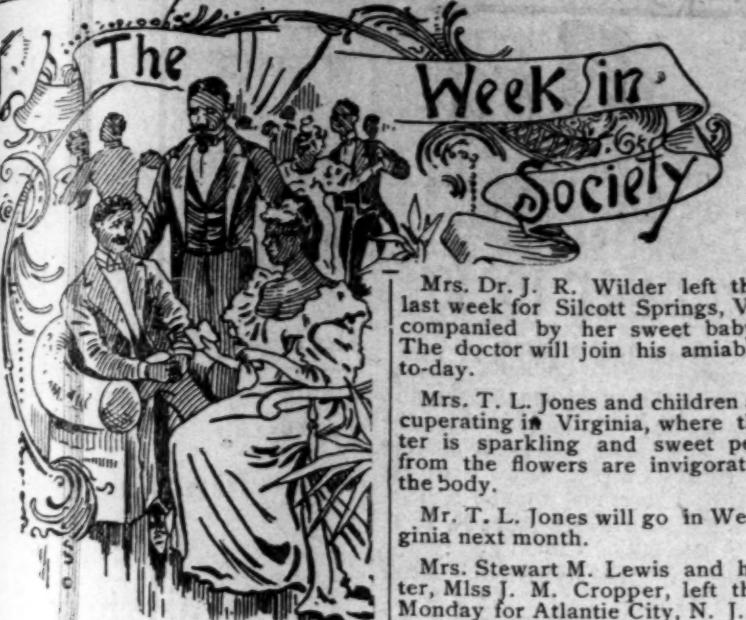
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OUR WOMEN.

Mrs. E. V. C. Williams, Editor.

Many and various clubs have been organized, the object of which is to lift the race morally, spiritually, industrially and intellectually. Then too, individual effort outside of the club has been the means in many localities of revolutionizing things for the betterment of all concerned. The following is clipped from the New York Age:

"Mrs. T. L. Jones and children are recuperating in Virginia, where the water is sparkling and sweet perfume from the flowers are invigorating to the body."

Mr. T. L. Jones will go in West Virginia next month.

Mrs. Stewart M. Lewis and her sister, Miss J. M. Cropper, left the city Monday for Atlantic City, N. J., to be gone several weeks.

AT HIGHLAND BEACH.

Douglas Cottage are: Mr. Geo. T. Brown and Mrs. Piper and daughter, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. C. H. Taylor and sister; Mrs. Thomas and sister; Mrs. Dorsey and daughter; F. Hymon and wife; Mr. John A. Green and wife, and Mrs. Dorsey and daughter. All from this city.

At the Colbert Cottage are Mr. and Mrs. James H. Kerrith, Mr. Howard Williams, Mr. Joseph Hanna and Mr. Shaw of this city.

Hillsdale Happenings.

Rev. Sandy Alexander addressed the Bethel Baptist Sunday school at 10 a. m. last Sabbath. His instructive remarks were attentively listened to by his young hearers. He paid the school a high compliment upon the excellent order maintained. Rev. Alexander is the organizer of the first Baptist church in this village, of which church Rev. Edgar Banks had pastoral charge. At 11:30 the reverend gentleman occupied the pulpit in the absence of the Rev. Jos. Matthews.

R. E. Ford, of 225 Pomeroy street, conducted religious exercises at the evening service upon the text, "What is man, etc." He founded an eloquent sermon, which greatly edified his audience.

Miss Bessie Moss, whose rapid improvement had been noted with pleasure by her friends, is still quite ill. The hot weather of the past week is without doubt the cause of her relapse.

Miss Blanche George has returned from New York, looking much improved by her trip.

We are glad to notice that Master Walter McKenzie is quite successful as a coach painter. Some of his work would do credit to a veteran artisan. He is mostly self-instructed and deserves credit for his skill and energy.

Mrs. Snoot is quite ill at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wills.

Mrs. Benj. S. Stewart has been called to Norfolk, Va., on account of the sudden death of her mother. She has profoundest sympathy.

Mrs. Samuel Murray, of Lincoln, Va., is the guest of Mrs. Mockwood, her grand-daughter.

Mrs. J. T. Taylor and son continue to enjoy the mountain air, at Middleburg, Va.

Mr. John T. Fortune, prominent in Masonic circles, left the city on Tuesday for Rappahannock Academy, Caroline County, Va., on a visit to his estimable mother, whom he has not seen for eight years. He will be gone ten days.

Mrs. Lyons, of New York, the brilliant little wife of Rev. Lyons, of St. Mark M. E. church of that city, will visit this city in the near future. She is deserving of a warm and cordial welcome at our hands. What would St. Mark be without this life giver?

The genial Mrs. E. E. Williams, of New York, was very modest in her report to the recent convention of the National League in this city. Not half has ever been told of this good woman's sacrifice and work for the good of her people. Mrs. Williams is president of the Afro-American Union of New York—an organization of seventeen circles, through whose efforts the

Lawyer M. H. Jones, of Charleston, W. Va., is in the city, stopping at the Philadelphia House. He leaves for the South and on his return, he will take an active part in the West Virginia Campaign.

Rev. Walter H. Brooks is in Richmond, Va., from there he will visit Hampton.

Garnett Memorial Home, a fresh air home for the crowded masses of that city, has been erected. The building is a credit to the Union, to New York, to the country and to our race every member of which should visit the place. Long live the founder.

The joint annual picnic of the Chas. Summer Post and Corps was well attended and encouraging to Chairman Jno. W. West of the Post.

Mr. Jno. Seaton and family are at his summer resort Faquier county, Virginia.

Dr. G. and Mrs. Henderson, of New York and Miss Etta Contee of this city will spend the remainder of the season at Long Branch.

Misses L. S. Chase and E. F. G. Merritt have returned from New York and although the heat was unbearable the ladies are truly pleased with their trip. They will rusticate at Hampton, Va., until school opens.

Mr. George S. Contee, of Denver, Colo., a delegate to the B. M. C., that is to meet in Annapolis, Md., will visit his mother and sisters in this city before his return to Denver.

Mr. R. T. Douglass, the genial paying teller of the Capital Savings Bank, is a young man of many parts, will soon be a member of the order of Mystic Benefits. Aside from his financial qualifications he is a professional bicyclist.

Miss Eva A. Chase left for the East on last Tuesday morning, to be gone until the middle of September.

Misses Maggie and Jennie Cramer are in Hampton, Va., the guests of Mrs. Geo. W. Tapping.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson who have been very genial company at 1111 I street northwest have moved with the family on Linden street northeast.

Mrs. Hattie Russell, daughter-in-law of Mr. Aaron Russell, a prominent citizen of Washington, died on last Friday, August 14, and was buried from Lincoln Memorial church Monday afternoon. The floral tributes were beautiful.

MRS. RUSSELL DEAD.

NOTICE.

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E. MURRAY'S PICNIC.

The well-known ice cream manufacturer, Mr. E. Murray, of South Washington, is preparing to give his annual grand picnic, and from all accounts it will be grander than any he has given in former years. He will give away free, 40 gallons of his best cream, of the best flavors and two pounds of cake.

There will also be special attractions and those who fail to attend will miss a treat. THE BEE will contain full account next week.

WHITE REPUBLICANS RULED.

COLORED MEN DENIED ADMISSION TO ALEXANDRIA CITY CONVENTION.

DECLARE THEY WILL SEND SOLID DELEGATIONS TO CULPEPER.

(From the Daily Times.)

Meetings were held in the four wards of the city at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and delegates elected to a republican city convention to be held last night.

The convention met in Sarepta Hall, and was presided over by Frank E. Evans. George A. Nowland was elected secretary. The following named gentlemen were elected delegates to the Congressional convention, which will meet at Culpeper on Thursday night: Charles W. Dearborn, James E. Johnson, James P. Lash, F. E. Evans, Joseph E. Cramer, George A. Nowland, George L. Young and Magnus E. Johnson. The last named is the only colored man in the delegation.

W. P. Graves was elected a member of the Congressional committee, and J. E. Cramer was elected city chairman.

Resolutions were adopted indorsing the administration of Col. William Lamb as State chairman, and indorsing Col. Pat McCaull for Congress from the Eighth district. On account of there not being a full attendance of delegates, the meeting adjourned until Friday night, when the city republican committee will be elected. The convention was composed of the representative republicans of Alexandria and looked upon as the regular republican organization. There was an attempt made by the colored republicans to capture the Sarepta Hall meeting, but they were refused admission. They went off declaring that they would send a solid delegation to Culpeper and contest for admission against the Sarepta Hall delegation.

TWO MORE NEGROES MURDERED IN ALABAMA.

(From the Atlanta, Ga., Recorder.)

Mobs are not satisfied now at killing one Negro at a time, but are beginning to take two. They will soon take all the colored prisoners in the jail, or be as bloodthirsty as the mob was last week and not allow them to reach the jail. Alabama adds two more murders to the thousands already committed in the South, and one of the leading papers in the South that does much towards forming sentiment on all public questions, speaks on Sunday morning of the "Double Lynching—Two Negroes Swing From a Creek Bridge in Alabama," and it is sent to the people to read as Sunday literature.

If on the other hand the writer means from a material standpoint his article is misleading to the highest degree.

He styles it selfish philosophy, so it is. He says it rules the world. That we question. What about the many reforms inaugurated, to lift the fallen and rescue the perishing. Listen to the roll call! Hear the response: C. E. S., Lend a Hand, W. C. T. U., Social Purity Societies, Rescue Homes, Reform Schools, Training Schools. All with one mighty voice exclaim,

"We are not dead, neither are we paupers."

Who does not know that most of the oldest institutions of learning were founded on faith, and through the self-sacrificing labors of consecrated individuals. Also, most of the younger colleges and academies, are known and unless their parents take steps to cause a discontinuance of the annoyance it is more than likely that some of these youths will find themselves in the hands of the police. Meetings at this place have heretofore been most orderly, and we hope that never again may we have to notice such misconduct on the part of the youthful offenders. The pastor and officials are deeply grieved and justly indignant.

Master Clarence Taylor, of Sheridan avenue, last Wednesday afternoon celebrated his second birthday with great festivities among his diminutive guests.

Henry Dorsey Henson and George Butler are among the children who have been ill during the recent hot spell.

Hillsdale possesses an inventor in the person of Mr. C. W. Davis, who has been granted a patent for a slate-ruling device. It has not yet been placed upon the market.

The Willing Workers Club of Bethesda Baptist church gave a lawn party last Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mrs. Annie Scott, Nichols avenue. The grounds were brilliantly lighted and the attendance was all that could have been desired. Music was furnished by the Orion orchestra, which is a guarantee of its excellence.

The members of the arrangement committee deserve much credit for their successful management of the affair.

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STAGE NOTES.

"An American Beauty" is the stage title of the new comic opera in which Messrs. Canary & Lederer, the New York Casino manager's, are to present Lillian Russell the ensuing season.

Hugh Morton and Gustave Kerker, a distinguished metropolitan literate and a celebrated composer respectively, are announced as the authors of "An American Beauty," the new opera elected to present here the ensuing season America's famous beauty and singer, Lillian Russell. The diva is again under the management of Canary and Lederer, the managers of the Casino, New York.

Five years ago the concession was general that Lillian Russell was the handsomest woman on the English speaking stage, and report says the interval has enhanced the diva's charms rather than lessened them. "An American Beauty" is the title of the new opera in which the songstress will be seen here the ensuing season.

Messrs. Canary & Lederer, who are again conducting the fortunes of Lillian Russell, are wrathy over a recently published comment that their star contemplates renouncing many of the smaller cities embodied in the route designed by her managers for the coming season. They emphatically deny that the diva ever entertained the renunciation of any one of the points elected for her appearance this season, and declare further that the songstress has had posted with them since the inauguration of their new contract, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be forfeited in sums of one thousand dollars for every non-appearance not ensuing from illness or calamity. The fair Lillian has ever been proverbial for her fidelity to the public. Still, the precaution of her managers is not an unwise one.

A contributor with more enthusiasm than rythm is moved to the following submission aent a recent announcement of the season's local play bills:

There's a songbird in the meadows,
There's a daughter on the hill;
There's a smile on all the woodlands
And a grin on every rill;
There's a gladness in the mountains,
Even when we're lost & frown,
We're besides ourselves entirely,
Lillian Russell is coming to town.

AFRO-AMERICAN WHEELMEN.

The artist, Daniel H. Freeman, is a good rider.

Dr. Bruce Evans and Dr. West, are the physicians of the party.

Cashier McCary, holds the gold and silver dust.

Teller Johnson is a genial fellow, and is always looking for gold. He has become infatuated with law!

Samuel C. Lacey, is becoming popular as an organizer. He is to be congratulated.

Lawyer E. M. Hewlett, is a great athlete as well as a dignified rider.

The BEE will have a special souvenir edition of wheelmen.

The BEE is always up to date.

LITERARY NOTES.

MR. SMALLEY'S LITERARY MISSION ABROAD.—George W. Smalley, the famous American editor-author, has been granted a two months' holiday by his paper, the London *Times*, and has gone abroad on a special mission for *The Ladies' Home Journal*. He has engaged to prepare a short series of articles for that magazine, and is gathering the material for them in Europe. The work will necessitate his spending part of the summer in England, and the remainder in Germany.

IAN MACLAREN'S NEW STORY.—Ian MacLaren's new short story, the last he will write until after his American visit, has been secured by *The Ladies' Home Journal*, for publication in the October and November issues. It is called "The Minister of St. Bede's," and is said to be in the brightest and cleverest MacLaren-esque vein. Besides its charm as a delightful romance, the story is said to be notable for the admirable character of the author has created for the chief personage—the minister of St. Bede's, as the loyal lover of an humble Scotch lassie.

DEATH OF REV. SMITH.

Rev. J. R. B. Smith, brother-in-law of Mr. Charles R. and Lewis H. Douglass, a prominent resident of Troy, N. Y., died suddenly last Monday morning, August 17, at his home in that city. Rev. Smith has been ailing with heart disease for some time and his death was not unexpected. He was for a number of years editor of the New York *Echo*, a strongly edited paper and held other positions of merit and trust.

A NOTED JOURNALIST.

MRS. HOLLAND OF THE N. Y. WORLD.

Mrs. J. M. Holland, the noted female New York *World* correspondent who has been the guest of Major and Mrs. C. A. Fleetwood, for several days, called in company with Major Fleetwood, on the Editor of *The Bee* Thursday morning.

While Mrs. Holland has been taking rest she is also looking after news of interest for the greatest paper in the United States.

She is a lady about 5 feet 3 inches high, a brilliant conversationalist and a wide awake writer. She is the lady who wrote up the great Cuban war for the *World* which did so much to mould public sentiment in the favor of the Cuban patriots.

Aside from her journalistic qualities, she is a lady of refinement.

WHAT THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW?

Where District Republicans stand.

Why colored Republicans were not invited to the serenade.

If Othello's occupation is gone.

How many political shows and bogus organizations are in town.

If Mr. Mark Hanna has been convinced that there is only one Afro-American journal in town.

If the turn down Negro Republicans in this land convinced the committee what they say is true?

How many Afro-Americans will vote for Bryan.

Would it not be better for District colored Republicans to keep their mouths closed.

Will these so called bogus organizations help the party any.

If J. Ortway Holmes is not a hunter.

Why Col. Carson is so silent.

Why he is not surrounded by his faithful allies now.

WHAT THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

E. M. Hewlett on the bench.

C. M. Smith the next District Republican attorney.

The "lily white" Republican party in the District given a back seat.

An Afro-American District Assessor.

Montague go up two degrees higher officially.

Little more color in the District buildings.

The street sprinkling department all citizens alike.

All trials in the Police Court by jury.

Appeals from the lower branch of the Police Court after the expiration of Judge Scott's term.

The Hall murder case placed in the hands of Horn and Weedon.

Prosecutions pushed when public necessity demands it.

The present form of government abolished.

Public Printer Benedict given credit for good management of the government Printing Office.

The pulpit and press united.

Hon. John L. Waller, has organized an Afro-American Industrial College THE BEE wishes him success.

A PRAYER.

Our Father (dearest name) not ophans us,

Nor outcasts, who may thus draw near to Thee.

Great is Thy mercy, — warm and free the grace

Whereby in Christ we see Thy loving face.

We bear with filial face the gentle voice,

That wins the erring back to holy joys

From the high throne of Universal power —

From the bright heavens, descend in copious shower.

This soft dew is the beauty of a King

Full-handed and large hearted, who would fling

His favors far and wide, not only amongst the wise

Even to the darkest cells He hears the lowly's cries.

May all Thy children piously exclaim

Honor and homage to Thy Reverend name.

Bring heaven's order to this alien sphere,

Thy reign and kingdom speedily appear.

That all rebellion cease; Thy will be done

As in the sky, by all beneath the Sun.

S. G. BROWN,
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COLORED DELEGATES TO CULPEPER.

Unionville, Va., August 16.—The republicans of Orange county, Va., met here Saturday and elected two sets of delegates to the district convention to meet at Culpeper, August 20. W. H. Nelson will head the delegation elected by the colored republicans as against the lily whites. The following named gentlemen were elected: Alfred Holmes, W. H. Nelson Pannell Townson, Ned Jackson, James Thompson and Jacob War.

Mr. Nelson is a wide awake republican and no better selection could have been made. Mr. Pat McCall will be nominated and will no doubt receive the undivided suffrage of the party.

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SECRET ORDERS.

FREE-MASONRY—ITS DIVISIONS AND SUB-DIVISIONS.

Relative to the Royal Arch department there is not much record beyond 1740 A. D. The earliest Royal Chapter in Great Britain whose records have yet come to light is that at York, England. In 1762 in North America, the earliest record of Royal Arch Chapter was as early as 1758, previous to 1795 A. D. the chapter degrees and commandry degrees were worked in the Blue Lodge, and in England there are some lodges that have chapters attached to them. In 1795, Thomas Smith Webb took the matter in hand and composed new and most elegant rituals, added three other degrees to the chapter system and set forth as we now have it, grand chapters and subordinate chapters soon followed. The first appearance we have of commandry degrees on this continent appeared in Boston, Mass., where St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter conferred the order of Knight Templar as early as August 28, 1769. In 1797 an encampment of R. T. was formed in Philadelphia, and in 1816 the grand encampment now about 1820 A. D. the chapter and commandry degrees came among the colored brethren of this country. I have the data in connection with the case. I will state that I am giving you the true facts. After the grand chapters and commandries were formed the Blue Lodge then only had jurisdiction of the first, second and third degrees, the chapter the commandry degrees, and the only time a Grand Lodge of Masons can convince me that they have jurisdiction over the upper degrees of Masons is for the Grand Chapter and subordinates ditto grand and subordinate commandries to dissolve and place everything in the grand lodge's hand, then I will knock otherwise, never. In conclusion to have peace in Masonic circles, let the Blue department attend to its affairs, the Chapter the same, ditto the commandry, the Scottish rite and mystic shrine the same, and you will find that there will never be any trouble. In this day men are too enlightened to be governed by fogsmen and monkey business.

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fully and fairly established, and the world will be made better by their noble example.

This goes to show and prove that prejudice in the Masonic order is dying out among the white Masons for Masonry knows and recognizes no man on the account of the color of his skin or the texture of his hair for Free Masonry is established upon that broad principle believing in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

SPARKS—SYNOPSIS.

T. F. Smith, of Hamilton, O., has been successful in securing the D. G. L. for Ohio.

Matchless Chapter of O. E. S. of Ft. Wayne, Ind., has selected new officers.

The D. G. L. of Three Links, of Indiana, convened in Richmond, Ind., August 4. Thirty-two lodges were represented. They have adopted a new insurance. It found well, it will be put in operation. The plan is to pay in \$2. The assessments for death to be \$1—50 per cent, to go to the legal heirs. The 10 per cent to defray funeral expenses. The maximum amount to be \$1000. When the funds reach \$10,000, they are to be invested. The session was fine, and much business was transacted.

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DHUL FAKAR.

I received two circulars. Now, the third one has made its appearance. In the first I have discovered where the truth has been played with. In the first case the culprit showed up and in company with himself filed his papers and affidavits before the one sided commission. But the papers were smuggled in order to protect a certain man, who is mixed up in the whole business. Now, I desire to ask a question, how can you obtain justice by appealing before a one sided tribunal, the judge and the prosecuting attorney and the commissioner, all being on the one side? Such was the circumstances in connection with the case. The whole business was a fake of the first water. I would suggest that the three grand bodies take the money that they are wasting for circulars and books, and give the same to the worthy distressed widows and orphans. Better stop before it is too late. Remember one thing that I am not a relative of job. Better listen.

A. L. MOKTAR.

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